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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions that the period for filing an Appeal Brief pursuant to Appellants' Notice of Appeal mailed November 6, 2000 be extended for three months, to and including April 6, 2001.

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